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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applic. No. : 10/799,099  
Applicant : Burkhard Becker, et al.  
Filed : March 12, 2004  
Title : Decoding Apparatus, Trellis Processor, and Method for Operating the Decoder  
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LETTER

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Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The above-mentioned new patent application was filed on March 12, 2004 without a signed oath or declaration, under the provision of 37 C.F.R. 1.53(f).

In accordance with the above-mentioned rule, enclosed herewith is the original signed declaration.

The undersigned hereby states that the application filed in the Patent and Trademark Office is the application which the inventor(s) executed by signing the declaration. MPEP 602 (8<sup>th</sup> ed., Aug. 2001).

The fee required for the late filing of an oath or declaration in the amount of \$130.00 is also enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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